

SPEEDBALL HAYDEN HAD HIS CHANCE IN 1919

VOLUNTARY BOXING COMMISSION IN THIS CITY WILL KEEP GAME ABOVE UNSCRUPULOUS FIGHTERS

By Ed Harrington

Next Friday morning the end of the 30 day suspension period of boxing in this city and the game should start on a prosperous summer season, provided promoters and fighters work for the good of the game and give the fans full value for their pastebards.

While no definite announcement has been given out as to who will promote fights in this city it is rumored the first bout will bring together Speedball Hayden and Gorilla Jones in the main event. No doubt the Hayden-Jones bout would be a well balanced scrap, but it looks like a desperate step for the opening number. The fight game must be kept above suspicion in this city, especially after the narrow escape of the fight bill in the last session of the legislature.

Very stories crept around the state after the last bout in which Speedball Hayden was a principal, and Phoenix fans still remember that the Hayden-Williams fracas in the fall of 1919 closed fighting in the valley for several months and almost resulted in ending the sport in the entire state. With memories of that eventful bout still fresh in the minds of the fans and anti-boxing adherents in Phoenix, it looks like a poor start if the promoters match Hayden for the opening bout. Perhaps Hayden was not so blameless and he may give a good account of himself in his next fight, but this is no time to experiment with fighters and the public. The fans want good bouts and they are willing to pay their money to pass the game.

No Reason for Hayden

There is no special reason why Hayden should be in demand; his past record is not of championship caliber and there is no scarcity of fighters in the southwest at the present time. With several good men making their home in Arizona and others clamoring for a trial, writing from all sections of the country, it would be well for the promoters to pick a good pair and take no chance on losing favor with the fans. On the first card depends the success of the game this summer and Speedball Hayden is certainly a poor number to open with.

Considering transportation as a big item in staging the first card, a promoter can sign six or seven good boys right at home and save a big part of the transportation money.

Dick Griffin can be signed here with less expense than Hayden or Gorilla Jones, and the fans know that Little Dick is a contender for championship honors. The fact that Lynch refused to take a chance with Griffin, with Dick a trifle overweight is sufficient proof that Griffin has something more than a newspaper reputation.

Griffin is making his home in Miami where he can be reached on two hours notice. He is always in condition and he does not choose his opponents. A few pounds difference in weight is not considered by the clever bantam if it offers him a stepping stone to a championship fight.

Plenty of Material

As an opponent for Griffin the promoters can reach Nunes at El Paso, Al Walker at Tucson, Ernie Campbell at Los Angeles and Johnny McManus, right here in Phoenix.

Coming into the lightweight division Miami claims Freddie Hill and Tommy Carter who meet over there Tuesday night. Hill and Carter are both fighters and suitable opponents are numerous in the state. Hill is anxious to appear in Phoenix against any lightweight in the country. He gave Young

France the hardest fight the coast bantam ever had in this state, with the exception of the McCann battle. He beat Carter once and Carter defeated Hill in a previous fight.

Over at Tucson Willie Hunfield is wintering and waiting for a scrap; and Willie craves fight. In Phoenix we have Joe Brown, who will fight any lightweight in this section, including Hill, Carter or Hunfield. Brown can also train down for some of the featherweights. Joe put up one of the prettiest scraps ever staged in Phoenix, but he has never been given a return bout. Perhaps Joe could make the weight for Griffin and give Dick the once over before he steps in big league company.

In the heavyweight class there are any number of boys willing to come down here. Billy Murray writes from San Francisco that he has Jimmy Barry, heavyweight, and Teddy O'Hara, lightweight, under his wing, with either man willing to come on the promoter's terms. Tiny Herman is also willing to come to Phoenix for a scrap.

With so many fighters willing to come to Phoenix for a fight and none of them will demand any more than Hayden, it is poor "stuff" to inflict Speedball Hayden on Phoenix fans again and take a chance on hurting the game.

BOXING COMMISSION

An effort was made at the last session of the state legislature to pass an anti-boxing bill and a counter movement was on foot to pass a bill establishing a state boxing commission. Both moves failed. Now it is up to the fans and promoters to protect the game.

The most logical plan to protect the game would be to name a local boxing commission of five dyed-in-the-wool fans to supervise the game and pass all all bouts. The commission can be chosen by a vote of fans who pass through the gates at the first fight, or better still, could be appointed by the mayor with the power of the city commission to back them in their work.

A voluntary boxing commission would pass on all matches, eliminate "bad eggs," see that all bouts are evenly matched (as far as possible on weight) but especially on weight) and see that every requirement of the law is followed out.

No doubt other sections of the state would be willing to follow this plan and pick commissions. These supervising bodies could work together and whenever a fighter is barred in one section the other commissions would follow suit. It would also serve to protect the promoters from fighters running out of matches—but above all it would give the fans confidence in all bouts and prevent fighters from "working" every town in the state. If a fighter stalls in one town he can be barred in the next and soon the fighter would realize that Arizona demands action for its money. Anytime there is any question of "frame" the commission can take immediate action. No doubt the city commission will be willing to take such steps if the fans lock with favor on the move.

The sporting columns of The Republican are open to fans and promoters to discuss any move that tends to boost good clean sports, and keep the sports clean. The anti-boxing movement's chief objection to boxing is crookedness and by eliminating all rays of suspicion we remove the opposition. Let's get busy.

"That ain't in the old contract, Manny, dear."

"If you don't want to appear in it, I won't argue," utters Manny. "But suppose you take a little vacation and then come back and handle our football eleven. All the old crowd and some new ones will be on hand. Of course Wrigley won't. Nor will Val Brewster. We have lost him already, it seems."

"How come?"

"Oh, I guess you know why. He has to go back home on business—and Lois Chandler is going back, too."

"Well, after all the events of the summer and the swell set of mysteries I wasn't unwilling to take a little rest. A week later I said good-bye to the Wildcats until fall."

All but one. I had read an announcement in the papers which sent me calling upon V. Morgan Brewster and lovely Lois Chandler.

"Is it true?" I want to know.

"They blushed."

"Golly, I fear," finally grins Brewster. "I'm leaving Tuffy Doyle out in the cold, and taking on a new battery partner."

He had the nerve to kiss her right in front of me.

"That's what I wanted to hear!" I yelled. "All the luck in the works!"

"You must come to the wedding!" insists the girl.

"Oh, I'll have all the rice and old

slippers in town," I warble.

And then I pulled off a daredevil stunt.

"I'm glad it's all settled and everything is gonna end happily, like the best novelists would have it," I chirp. "But I have a bet to make. I gamble I know one dish that won't be served at the wedding breakfast."

"What's that?" they demand, in sudden suspicion.

"Raspberries," I chortle.

And probably it was only a running start that spared my life to tell this tale.

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A. E. Employees Out For Baseball Game With Valley Team

R. D. Sockland, manager of the recently organized Arizona Eastern ball club, has issued a challenge to any team in the valley.

Sockland says the railroad boys have developed a fast team and he feels his club will give the best of them a hard fight.

Local teams desiring a game with the Arizona Eastern can reach Manager Sockland at the superintendent's office.

Mesa Will Open Baseball Season This Afternoon

MESA, March 19.—Mesa officially starts the 1921 season Sunday with a game on the local grounds with the All-Star club of Phoenix. New timber has been added to the local club and according to Manager Rice the best lineup this season will go on the field Sunday afternoon to defend Mesa's honor.

Battery duty will be performed by the old reliable Lou Gill and Wheeler. At the initial sack a new man, Mills, of the university of Iowa who is visiting in Mesa will perform. Reynolds and Butler will cover second and short respectively and Morrison, another new member to the team will work around third. Price, Lush and Pomeroy are booked for duty in the outfield.

In its preparations for the 1921 season, the club has ordered 15 new suits, subscribed for local business houses. Orders have already been placed and it is expected that the team will appear in the new uniforms within the next three weeks.

The Sunday game is to be played at the Mesa park starting at 3 o'clock.

Umpire H. G. Dixon will handle the indicator.

Line-Up		MESA
Castle	Catcher	Wheeler
Terrill	Pitcher	Gill
Singer	First Base	Mills
Mansfield	Second Base	Reynolds
Ritchie	Third Base	Morrison
Pepper	Left Field	Lush
Chino	Center Field	Pomeroy
Rodriguez	Right Field	McNevitt
Cullen	Utility	Price

Pennsylvania Will Not Play Missouri Conference Champs

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—The University of Pennsylvania basketball team today refused to play a series with the University of Missouri Missouri Valley conference champions. It was explained that several players were in good physical condition and that differences in interpretations of rules at the two institutions would make a series unsatisfactory.

McKAY DEFEATS MATLOCK

OGDEN, Utah, March 19.—Gordon McKay of Idaho won a six-round decision over Leo Matlock of California here last night.

Denby Will Permit Annapolis To Play One Outside Game

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 19.—One of the first acts of Secretary of the Navy Denby in connection with the naval academy was to give to the superintendent of the academy definite authority to permit teams in each principal sport to engage in one contest a season away from Annapolis. This it was learned, today, is in addition to the games in various sports against the military academy and the annual entry of the crews in the American Henley games.

The first exercise of this general authority by Superintendent Scates will be to permit teams of midshipmen to enter the relay games of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia on April 23.

MADDEN DEFEATS BURKE

NEW ORLEANS, March 19.—Bartley Madden of New York won the decision over Martin Burke of New Orleans in a 15 round bout here tonight. Burke was in the defensive throughout and was threatened with disqualification for holding several times. Burke weighed 183 pounds and Madden 184.



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Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is the time when every one declares the new Spring Season open.

This Year Easter Sunday Occurs on March 27th

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\$35

\$45

\$55

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NO RASPBERRIES FOR WEDDING BREAKFAST!



"GUILTY" GRINS BREWSTER, "I'M TAKING ON A NEW BATTERY PARTNER"

CHAPTER XXIV.

I am among those whom will affirm that Robinson Wrigley, alias Hodges, received that licking. Like the whining sneak he really was at heart, the son of Siegfried Hodges tried to beg off, but once in the clubhouse V. Morgan rolled up his sleeves and was ready to go.

"I trusted you as no other man in college," he says, bitterly. "You were my roommate and had my confidence. Because I was Sam Brewster's son you tried to ruin me. You tried to lose games when I pitched—as you did this afternoon. And it was you who poisoned that water bottle in Medbank, not Sol Grindstone. You know it! Just say so secretly tried to poison minds against me."

"Always calling yourself my friend and appearing to help me, you supplied the material for those rotten messages and laughed up your sleeve at the unsuspecting fool. For I hadn't thought it could be you, and I was unjust to other real men in my mind. But your father has been caught, and the game is up for you."

"Well, my father made me do it!" the traitor bleats.

"Give it to him, Val! Make him fight!" cry the boys.

Exhausted as he was, Brewster nevertheless thrashed the rascal with tremendous thoroughness. I think Tuffy Doyle described the beating in a "mouthful" when he chirped: "Wrigley was all gummed up."

Bruised and battered, he took his lonely departure from the ball park. Before long we all knew the details of the mystery. The Hodges had been at the bottom of all the raspberry misadventures, aided now and then by two mischievous, old man's crook comrades. Robin Wrigley had been a veritable

scoundrel all through V. Morgan's career. He had doped the water bottle, and pulled other stunts even while in college, it leaked out.

The firm of Curtis and Crain had lost a good share of Brewster's millions, but enough was left to keep the wolf from getting past the butler. Colonel Chandler, father of Lois, was to help Harker straighten out the tangle for the young man.

Curtis and Crain later went to prison, as did Siegfried Hodges and his companions. They were part of a badly wanted gang, we learned. When all that facts of Harker and Hyde came in for much praise, but I knew—and Brewster knew, too—that a great deal of credit for plucking the "Raspberries" should have gone to pretty Lois Chandler.

The boys managed to get a return game with the Eastern All-stars. With Brewster chucking the onion we won 10 to 0, and Tiny Crumb crashed two home runs. A scout for the New York Yankees said he wanted to sign our slugger in case anything happened to Mr. Ruth, but Tiny merely laughed and claimed he must stick with the boys.

We only had another game or two in sight, and while I was debating Manny Hatton came to me.

"Squawk," he said, "the season is drawing to a close, and we have only a couple games to play. As you know, I've been talking business to a moving-picture concern, and they have decided to use the boys and myself in a special feature. Freddy Hopper will help write. We want to start in as soon as our schedule is empty. It will take a month or six weeks, and by that time the football season will arrive. We would like you to—"

"No movies for McGuff!" I object.